

Minimal Financial Assistance – Notification & Self-Declaration Form

Declaration	
<p>The following declaration must be signed by someone who is authorised to do so on behalf of your organisation.</p> <p>I, the undersigned declare that the organisation I represent and all other entities belonging to the same company group as my organisation (including linked and/or partner businesses; see further notes at the end of this form):</p> <p>Have only received the contribution(s) per the table above falling under the De Minimis Regulation, Small Amounts of Financial Assistance (TCA 3.2 (4)) and/or Minimal Financial Assistance (Part 3, Chapter 2 of the Subsidy Control Act 2022) subsidy during the previous three financial years (this being the current financial year and the previous two financial years) and confirm that the receipt of the proposed Vacant Commercial Property Grant will not exceed my company/ organisation’s MFA threshold of £315,000 over the Applicable Period (stated above).</p> <p>Furthermore, I confirm that the information I have provided above is complete and accurate. I understand that if I provide untruthful, false, or incomplete information it may lead to a requirement to refund the whole value of the subsidy provided, plus administrative sanctions and interest, and may lead to prosecution.</p>	
Name	
ROLE	
Signature (<i>typing is acceptable</i>)	
Date (DD/MM/YY)	

Please send the completed form to: Business@bristol.gov.uk, along with the rest of your Vacant Commercial Property Grant application documents.

We take this opportunity to remind you that you are required to keep a written record of the amount of MFA you have received and the date/s when it was received. The written record must be kept for at least three years beginning with the date on which the MFA was given. This will enable you to respond to future requests from public authorities on how much MFA you have received and whether you have reached the cumulative threshold.

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Further Notes

State Aid:

When the UK left the European Union (EU) it was agreed that funding programmes using European Union Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) would continue to operate under EU State Aid legislation, including De Minimis Aid rules.

De Minimis regulations, under EC Commission Regulation No 1407/2013 of 18.12.13 on the application of Articles 107 and 108, allow a business to receive a maximum of €200,000 of de minimis aid over a rolling three-year fiscal period.

Subsidy – Small Amounts of Financial Assistance (SAFA):

On leaving the EU, a new agreement was reached between the UK and EU regarding funding awarded to UK based business from non-ESIF sources, per clause 3.2 (4) of the EU-UK Trade and Co-Operation Agreement (TCA 3.2(4)). These arrangements allow UK business to receive Small Amounts of Financial Assistance up to 325,000 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) over a rolling three-year fiscal period. Prior to the Subsidy Control Act 2022 passing into legislation funding that complied with the above clause (TCA 3.2(4)) was referred to as Small Amounts of Financial Assistance.

Subsidy – Minimal Financial Assistance (MFA):

The Subsidy Control Act 2022 passed into United Kingdom legislation in April 2022 and provides a framework for the distribution of subsidies that builds upon provisions in the EU-UK Trade and Co-Operation Agreement, as above.

The Subsidy Control Act 2022 allows for £315,000 to be distributed to a business over 3 financial years as Minimal Financial Assistance.

Linked businesses:

If your business owns more than 50% and/or has the ability to exercise a dominant influence over another, or vice versa, this business is linked to your business. De Minimis Aid, Small Amounts of Financial Assistance, or Minimal Financial Assistance provided to linked businesses must be included in the table above.

Partner business:

If your business owns between 25% and 50% of another business, or vice versa, this business is a partner to your business. De Minimis Aid, Small Amount of Financial Assistance or Minimal Financial Assistance provided to partner businesses must be included in the table above, with the amounts pro-rated equivalent to the percentage that the partner business is owned.

Forms of possible aid:

Please find below a sample list of common forms of aid which your company / organisation / enterprise may have received over the past three years (please note this list is not exhaustive)

- State Grants
- Interest rate relief

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- Tax relief
- Tax credits
- State guarantees or holdings
- State provision of goods or services on preferential terms
- Direct subsidies
- Tax exemptions
- Preferential interest rates
- Guarantees of loans on especially favourable terms
- Acquisitions of land or buildings either gratuitously or on favourable terms
- Provision of goods and services on preferential terms
- Indemnities against operating losses
- Reimbursement of costs in the event of success
- State guarantees, whether direct or indirect, to credit operations preferential re-discount rates
- Dividend guarantees
- Preferential public ordering
- Reduction of, or exemption from, charges or taxes, including accelerated depreciation and the reduction of social contributions
- Deferred collection of fiscal or social contributions
- Assistance financed by special levies
- Capital transfers
- Certain State holdings in the capital of undertakings.
- Retail Relief